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MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

Government of Madras.

Revenue DEPARTMENT.

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Dated 15 June 1889

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No. 1. Read the following letter from the Colonial Secretary, Mauritius, to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Revenue Department, dated Mauritius, 4th May 1869, No. A-652:—

With reference to your letter of the 6th January last, No. 27, I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to forward to you the enclosed extract of a report, from the Officer in charge of the Customs in this Colony, together with copy of a Statement shewing the quantity, &c., of opium imported into Mauritius during the six months ended 31st December 1868.

2. In transmitting this return, His Excellency has requested me to point out that unless its receipt be kept secret it will prevent the entry of opium for consumption here, and thus encourage smuggling.

Extract from Report of the Officer in charge of the Customs, No. 61, *dated the* 27*th March* 1869.

Since the law has been in operation permitting the introduction of opium into the Colony, upon payment of duty, three vessels only have arrived at this port from Madras, two with cargo for this place, but from neither of which was any opium landed, and the third in distress *en route* for England.

2. From Pondicherry there have been in the same period thirteen arrivals, and only in one vessel, which arrived in December 1867, was any opium imported. The quantity landed from the vessel, 333 tins of 1 lb. each, was the property of some Chinese passengers, and was entered in the name of Assen and Co. It must have been smuggled on board at that place, as its existence in the ship was not known to the Captain until a few days before he entered the port, when he was requested by the Chinamen to declare it on his Inwards Report on his arrival here, to prevent the risk of its being seized, if not so declared.

3. Suspicion has always attached to vessels as well as to the Chinese and Native passengers coming from that port; and a strict watch has, in consequence, been kept over them; but no smuggling has been detected.

Statement shewing the quantities of Opium imported, with the names of the Importer as well as of the ship and the places from whence received during the six months ending 31st December 1868.

Date.	Quantities Inported.	Names of Importers.	Names of Ships.	From whence.
1868.	lbs.			
July, 3rd	50	Captain Bullock ...	"Omar Pasha" ...	Calcutta.
,, 10th	178	Vongashnan ...	"Jasmin" ...	Singapore.
,, 13th	54	S. Jordan & Co ...	Stmr. "Meinam" ...	Suez.
,, 17th	2 (refined)...	E. Duclos ...	"Colbert" ...	Nantes.
,, 27th	216	Captain Jones ...	"Glenroy" ...	Calcutta.
Aug. 10th	240	Atchion ...	Steamer "Mozambique" ..	Aden.
			"Oriental" ...	Calcutta.
,, 25th	120-8 oz. ...	Qui Sam ...	"Mathilde" ...	Reunion Island.
,, 25th	86	S. Jordan & Co ...	"Solway" ...	Calcutta.
Sep. 1st	122	Ahwing ...	"Allum Ghier" ..	Do.
,, 7th	25	Mahomed ...	Do. ...	Do.
,, 10th	10	Captain Williams...	"Fathe Salem" ...	Do.
Oct. 17th	140	Captain Mosey ...	Do. ...	Do.
,, 17th	11	Gront ...	Do. ...	Do.
,, 17th	17	Aching ...	"Indian Chief" ...	London.
Nov. 6th	0-4 oz. (refined.)	Blyth Brothers & Co.	"Glenroy" ...	Calcutta.
,, 12th	60	A. Thompson ...	Steamer "Nestor"	Singapore.
Dec. 8th	70	Singkin ...	"Legion of Honor"	Calcutta.
,, 29th	82-8 oz. ...	Bungmon ...		

Custom House, Port Louis,
Mauritius, 19*th April* 1869.

(Signed) J. FERRIS SEYMOUR.
Officer in charge.

Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
1st June 1869.

No. 2. ORDER THEREON, 1st June 1869, No. 1,527.

Miscellaneous.

COMMUNICATED, together with the enclosures, to the Board of Revenue, with reference to the Proceedings of Government, 6th January 1869, No. 26.

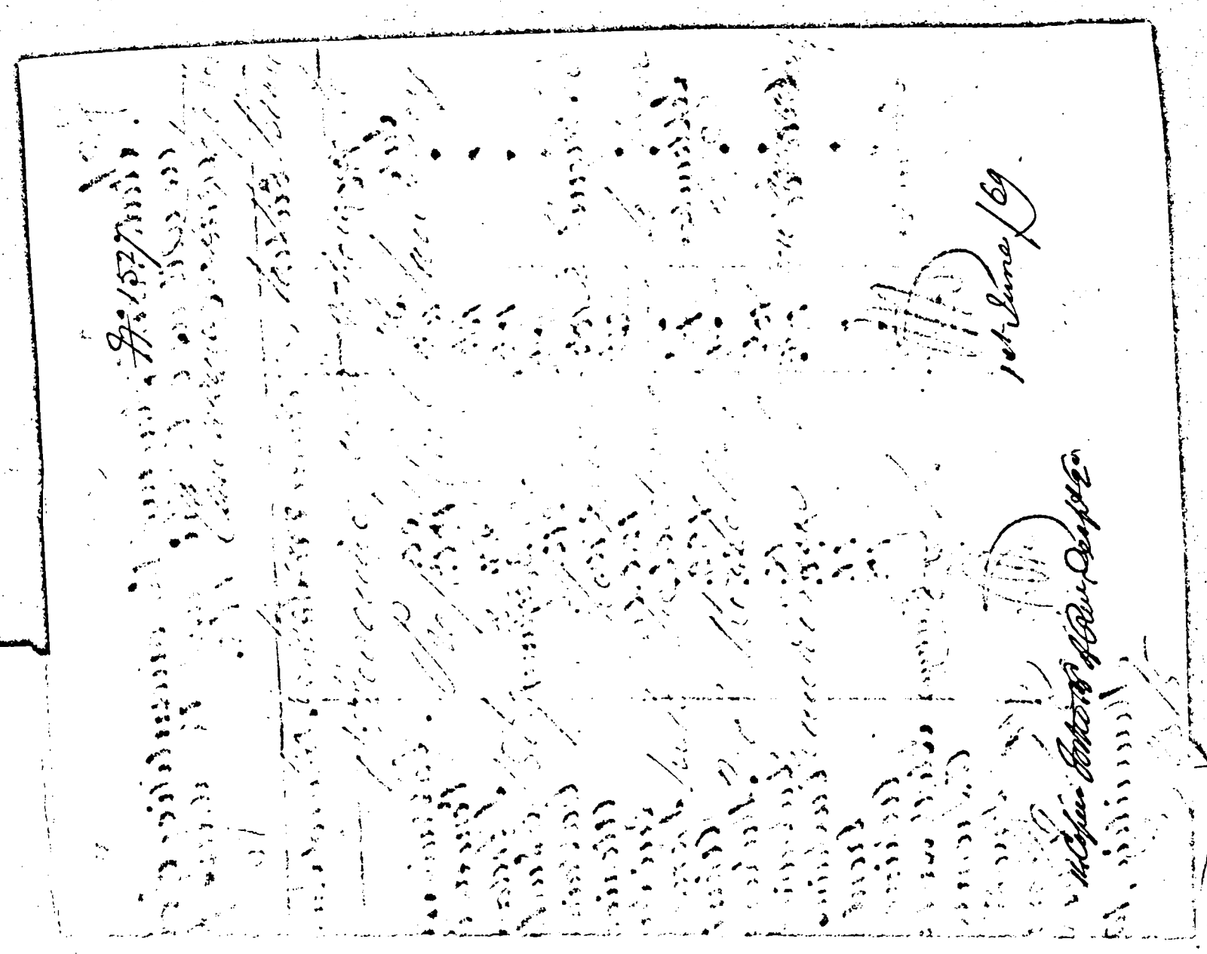
2. The Board's attention will be directed to paragraph 2 of the letter from the Mauritius Government now communicated.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Ex. S. T. Augustin.



Govt. of {1869} Madras.

REVENUE.

To

THE BOARD OF REVENUE.

Dated June, 1st.

Recd., 1869.

G. O., 1st *June* 1869, *No.* 1,527.

JUNE.

Nos. 1-2.

Opium.—Report from Mauritius Government on the quantity, &c., imported into that Island during the six months ending December 1868, communicated to Board of Revenue.